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1. SERIOUS OBSTACLE IN PM RABIN'S EFFORT TO BRING NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY(NRP) INTO GOVERNEMENT COALITON DEVELOPED SEPTEMBER 12 WHEN INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY (ILP) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT (CRM) REJECTED NEW FORMUAL FOR COALITON TALKS. ILP EXPLAINED THAT NEW FORMUAL SUSPENDING ENTRY IN POPULATIION REGISTER OF CONVERETED IMMIGRANTS DISCRIMINATES AGAINST COVERTS BY NON-ORTHODOX BRANCHES OF WORLD JEWRY. ILP HOWEVER REITERATED SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR BROADENED COALITION, BUT ILP LEADER MOSEH KOL NOTED THAT LIKUD'S OPPOSITION TO TERRITORIAIL COMPROMIESE DISQUALIFIES IT FROM JOINT COALITION GOVERNEMTN. VIEWS OF NRP ON THIS SUBJECT, HE STATED, MUST CONFIDENTIAL

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BE CLARIFIED BEFORE FURTHER CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO ITS

JOINING COALTION.

- 2. MEANWHILE, EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY BY YOUTH WING OF NRP TO DEFER MEETING OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 15 AT WHICH IT WAS GENERALLY EXPECTED MAJORITY WOULD SUPPORT NEW FORMUAL AS SUITABLE BASIS FOR ENTERING COLATION, NRP LIKELY TO DEFER FINAL DECISION ON COALTION TALKS UNTIL POSITION OF ALLCURRENT COALTION PARTNERS IS FORMULATED.
- 3. ALTHOUGH ILP AND MAPAM SENIOR LEADERS HAD EARLIER INDICATED TO PM RABIN THEIR SUPPORT FOR NEW FORMULA, OPPOSTION AMONG PARTY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPED IN WAKE OF WIDELY PUBLICIZED EXPLANATIONS BY RABIN AND JUSTICE MINISTER ZADOK THAT NEW FORMUAL ONLY FREEZES ENTRIES IN POPULATION REGISTER, WHILE RABBINATE WILL CONTINUE TO PERFORM MARRIGAES, DIVORCES, ETC. ONLY FOR IMMIGRANTS WHO CAN PROVE CONVERSION UNDER ORTHODOX PROCEDURES UNTIL WHO IS A JEW? QUESTION IS FINALLY RESOLVED.
- 4. REJECTION OF NEW FORMULA BY ILP AND CRM WILL LIKELY SERVE TO STRENGHTEN ELEMENTS IN MAPAM OPPOSED TO NRP JOINING COALTION.
- 5. WHILE LABOR PARTY SUPPORTS RABIN'S EFFORTS TO BRING NRP INTOCOALITION, IT CERTAINLY WILL NOT DO SO IF IT MEANS EXIT OF BOTH CRM AND ILP FROM COALITION.
- 6. COMMENT: AMONG FIRST TASKS OF PM RABIN ON RETURN FROM US VISIT WILL BE TO GET COALITION TALKS BACK ON TRACK. SINCE RABIN VIESS ENTRY OF NRP AS KEY ELEMENT IN HIS GOAL OF STRENGTHENING POLITICAL BASE OF GOVERNEMTN, CONSOLIDATING HIS POSITION OF LEADERSHIP AND, HOPEFULLY WEAKENING OPPOSTION HE LIKELY TO THROW FULL WEIGHT OF HIS POLITICAL PRSTIGE BEHIND THIS TASK. VELIOTES

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